

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3806  
ANSWERED ON:08.04.2003  
PROCUREMENT OF STATIONERY  
RAGHUNATH JHA;SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

to the answer given to USQ No. 4185 dated 17.12.2002 and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of his Ministry thereto;

(d) whether DOP&T OM dated 14.7.1981 is meant for making local purchases of those stationery stores which the Printing and Stationery Department is unable to supply or there is delay in the supply thereof or in the cases of unforeseen emergency and not as a matter of routine;

(e) if so, the steps taken to get DOP&T OM of 14.7.1981 amended;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether Rule 6

(a) of the Appendix-9 to Rule 102 of the General Financial Rules is applicable in the purchase of stationery stores by Government offices and not chapter 8 of the GFRs;

(h) if so, the details thereof;

(i) whether his Ministry have reported the Government Resolution dated 27.2.1991 to the Government Ministries/Departments and their affected and subordinate offices to follow the same unambiguously; and

(j) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI PON RADHAKR )

(a)&(c): Information has since been received from the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. Reply to USQ No.4185 dt. 17.12.2002 has also been forwarded to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 6.3.2003. A copy of the reply is at annexure.

(d)&(f): DOPT OM dt. 14.7.81 is in respect of Local Purchase of stationery and other items. Government Ministries/Departments have powers to make such local purchases as per the rules of GFR. Local purchases of stationery stores by other Ministries/Departments are outside the purview of the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation.

(g)&(h): Appendix 9 of the General Financial Rules prescribes the rules regulating purchase of stationery stores for the public service. This is appended under rule 102 which itself is a part of chapter 8 of the GFR.

(i)&(j): Government of India resolution dated 27.2.91 was published in the Gazette of India and all Ministries/Departments are required to follow the same. Government of India Stationery Office has also been directed to forward copies of this resolution to all such Ministries/Departments who are not regularly forwarding indents for their stationery requirements to them.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3806 FOR 8.4.2003

REPLY TO LOK SABHA USQ NO. 4185 FOR 17.12.2002

(a)&(b): Government of India Stationery Office is the central agency authorized for procurement and supply of stationery to Government of India Departments/Offices. However, in terms of Rule 6(a) in the appendix-9 under rule 102 of General Financial Rules (GFR), Local Purchases of stationery stores are allowed in case of emergency arising out of unforeseen circumstances or delay in, or failure of supply through the Printing and Stationery Department. The Department of Personnel and Training vide OM No.14/14/80-

Welfare dated 14.7.81, made it incumbent on all Central Government departments, their attached and subordinate offices and other organizations, financed and/ or controlled by the Government, located at Delhi/ New Delhi, to make all local purchases of stationery and other items required by them only from the Kendriya Bhandar. This authorization is for Local Purchase, which is allowed as per GFR.

(c)to(f): The term `other items` has not been specifically defined in the OM dated 14.7.81. However, Para 5 of the same OM has laid down that with a view to providing a safeguard for ensuring quality as well as fair price, prices of the stationery, sanitary, electrical and other articles as are generally indented for by Government departments, will be fixed by a Committee. Para 4 read with Para 5 of the OM, therefore, makes the intention of the OM abundantly clear that all items as are generally indented for by Government departments will be included in the category of `other items`.